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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:--

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, cancel lines 1 and 2, and insert instead: --

The invention relates to a system comprising one or more displacement units and related method, as described in the preambles of claims 44 and 82.

EP 0 240 965 shows a compact electrohydraulic switching module which is used, for example, for driving displacement units which comprises a valve piston and a valve housing surrounding the valve piston with a drive arrangement formed by a coil, whereby the drive arrangement is driven by a command processing element, for example a microprocessor.